

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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**SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF AVISTA'S PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION TO
FILE ITS 2019 ELECTRIC INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN; CASE NO.
AVU-E-19-01**

On January 30, 2019, Avista Corporation ("Company") filed a Petition seeking an extension of the August 31, 2019, filing date for the Company's 2019 Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP").

On April 16, 2019, the Commission granted the Company's request and extended the filing date of the Company's 2019 IRP for six months from August 31, 2019, until February 29, 2020. Order No. 34312.

On February 28, 2020, the Company filed its 2019/2020 IRP ("2020 IRP").

THE IRP

The Company based its request for an extension on numerous potentially significant legislative proposals in Washington, Montana, and Oregon. Petition at 3. The Company summarizes major changes from the 2017 IRP on pages 2-11, 12 of the 2020 IRP. The Company also states, "Major changes from the 2017 IRP include the removal of new natural gas-fired peakers in exchange for long duration energy storage, additional demand response, 500 MW of new wind resources, and upgrades to thermal and hydroelectric facilities." 2020 IRP at 1-4. The Company states the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission deferred the submittal of an IRP for the Company until 2021 in order to allow completion of rulemaking to implement the Clean Energy Transformation Act. 2020 IRP at 2-1.

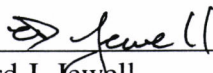
STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission issue a Notice of 2020 IRP and Notice of Intervention Deadline, setting a 14-day intervention period. Staff further recommends the Commission re-caption the case from "In the Matter of Avista's Petition for an Extension to File its 2019 Electric Integrated Resource Plan" to "In the Matter of Avista's 2020 Electric Integrated Resource Plan."

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of 2020 Electric Integrated Resource Plan and Notice of Intervention Deadline, setting a 14 day intervention period?

Does the Commission wish to re-caption this case to read, "In the Matter of Avista's 2020 Electric Integrated Resource Plan?"



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